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PIONEER VILLAGE SCHOOL PROGRAM NOW A REALITY!

Granite School District supervisors and office staff pose with Goshute, deer given to the Village by a Goshute Indian. Seated, l to r are Marilyn Spainhower, Pat Papanikolas, Miriam Claussen, Emma Allgier, Tomi Tamura, Diane Wilenski, Mrs. Dale Astin, holding her daughter, Jane, Anna Johanson, Margaret Williams, Helen Metos, Pearl Prisby. Standing, l to r, Alma Tranner, Joe Westra, Ernest Clayton, Charles Smith, Melvin Strong, O. C. England, F. Kenneth Fechser, Marvin Strong, Dow Brian, Leland Davey, Delbert Smedley, Lew Wallace, Superintendent David Gourley, Ernest Gourley, Bob Brems, Jess Burroughs, Reva Slye, Louie Sorensen, Dale Astin. Over 150 Utah School Groups (25 to 60 students and teachers to a group) visited Pioneer Village last year from April to October. School and Church groups are always welcome.

Granite School District Supervisors Visit

Granite School Superintendent David Gourley suggested, while on a tour of Pioneer Village, that the school district could donate to the Village school a number of old-fashioned adjustable seats. These seats, Mr. Gourley said, have not been in use for some time and are now in storage.

Granite District supervisors and office staff turned out enmasse January 11 for a tour of the grounds, as have many of their grade school classes.

Horace A. Sorensen explained to the group SUP plans for establishing a log schoolhouse. He told of the gift of the old school bell by a woman in Draper. "My husband's last wish," she said, "was that the old bell would one day ring again."

"We're going to see that it hangs over the school and that it **does** ring again." President Sorensen promised.

The idea of an authentic pioneer schoolhouse so excited the group that Superintendent Gourley promised the gift of the old seats, which "we almost threw out a short time ago because they were no good to us," he said.

Student Chapter Elects Officers

Chalk up another first for SUP. This time it's the first student chapter in the history of the society.

On January 18 in the auditorium of Joseph Smith Memorial Building at Brigham Young University, the first student chapter was organied and officers elected.

Tome Rowe of Huntsville was named president of the chapter.

Other officers include: Dahl Gobel,

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The ten-man Educational Committee of the Pioneer Village, as appointed by President Horace A. Sorensen met last month and got down to the serious business of planning the spring program for the Village School.

As we go to press ground is being leveled for the foundation of a sizeable log school house of the 1860 pioneer period. Most of the logs are now on hand and plans are complete on the architect's drawing board.

Demand for an early Utah Pioneer School has gained momentum over the past three years, largely because of the steadily increasing numbers of elementary school groups that visit the Pioneer Village each season. Last year alone, some 150 separate school groups paid us a visit and were taken for oxen rides and a guided trip through the Village.

This spring Mrs. Arthur L. Beeley, director of the Granite School District's Pioneer Crafts House, has consented to act as principal of the new Village School, and with the help of the Educational Committee has planned a full scale series of cultural activities for young and old in Early Utah Arts, Crafts and Skills.

Beginning sometime in March, it is Mrs. Beeley's plan to present regularly scheduled "Lecture Demonstrations" in the following interesting fields:

Western Migration, The Pony Express, Utah Trails, Utah Government, Houses of Worship, Vehicles and Transportation, Pioneer Gardens.

History of Firearms, Pioneer Herb Gardens, The Country Store, Town Planning, Weaving and Spinning, History of Lamps, The Pioneer Drug Store, Utah Indians, Women's Pioneer Fashions, Pioneer House Furnishings, Pioneer Culinary Arts, Miniatures, Hooked Rugs, Square Dancing, Pioneer Games, Pioneer Humor, The Clock Shop, Pioneer Drama, Pioneer Printing, The Pioneer Blacksmith Shop, Sculpture and the Fine Arts, Children's Stories, etc.

Each subject will be handled by an expert in that field with classes conducted in the Pioneer School House and actual demonstrations with class participation. The courses will be expanded as progress is made, and the classes are open to the general public both young and old.

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Springville as vice president; secretary-treasurer Dan Fife of New Orleans, public relations officer Milo Durfee of Salt Lake City.

The approximate 40 members also named to an executive council; Barry McKay of Huntsville, Joe Felix of Ogden, Tom Reeves of Santa Ana, California, Carlyle Parker of Ogden, Karl Snow of Provo and Lamont Ririe of Long Beach, California.

This energetic group of young men was recruited under the direction of Dr. Jay B. Hunt, 2nd vice president of the National Society.

Official name of the chapter, time and place of regular monthly meetings and amount of dues have not yet been announced by the executive council.

An imposing array of SUP executives were on hand to help the chapter off to a flying strat. There was President Gustive Larson of Brigham Young Chapter, President J. Rulon Morgan of George Albert Smith Chapter in Provo and officers of both these groups. Representing the National officers were Judge Advocate Milton V. Backman, and Secretary H. Ward McCarty.

Colonel Fred M. Reese of the Mormon Battalion made a stirring report on the Battalion activities planned for the Fort Moore dedication, and accepted enlistments from almost a third of the membership of the new chapter.

Dixie Mission Chapter St. George Utah

President Graff

This chapter is less than a year old but is making great strides in activity and membership. It is situated right in the very heart of one of the most richly historic sections of the state, and we are told that one of the first projects the chapter is planning on completing is the sponsoring of three new chapters in the area, one at Hurricane, one at Santa Clara and one at Kanab.

VITAL STATISTICS:

Meets: 4th Monday of each month.
Where: D. U. P. Hall, 7:30 P.M.
Cost of meals: $1.50
Annual dues: $10.00 first year, $7.50 thereafter.
Officers: J. Henry Graff, president, 255 West 1st South; Kenneth M. Cannon, vice-president, 194 East 300 South; Vivian R. Leaney, secretary-treasurer, 34 East Tabernacle St.

Current membership in the chapter is open to all local residents of Washington County, with special invitation to residents of Santa Clara, Washington, Hurricane, Toquerville, LaVerkin, Rockdale, etc.

President Sorensen and Wife Touring South America

President Horace A. Sorensen and his gracious wife Ethel are enjoying the delightful scenes and places of South America as you read this. They left Salt Lake by plane January 16th, with pounds of photographic supplies and an itinerary that will take them to all of the individual countries of the southern continent.

A card from them, just as we go to press, is postmarked out of Antafagasta, Chile on January 30th. "Flew from Lima, Peru, via LaPaz, Bolivia. The people and the country are happy, friendly, and beautiful. Will fly next to Iquigue, Chile for some long anticipated deep-sea fishing and then down to Santiago, and extreme southern Chile. Have been interviewed by the press and was delighted to give them copies of the SUP News. I sent the Village a fine collection of ancient Inca Indian artifacts from Lima, Peru. Give our regards and best wishes to all the chapters. My! what a wonderful privilege it is to me to be a member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers! Ethel's Spanish is a marvel to hear, and you should see me in the blanket-type Poncho the Peruvians wear!"

Well, there it is; geetings from a wonderful and truly great man, humble in his joy of service and ever thoughtful of all those who share the same great heritage of SUP with him.

Hole-In-The-Rock Chapter Escalante, Utah

President Gates

This hard-hitting and pace - setting chapter was organized last September in conjunction with the history-making SUP trek to the famous "Hole-in-the-Rock" on the Colorado River. These were the boys who engineered the trek and who handled the feeding, desert transportation and entertainment for the 200-some-odd trekkers. The chapter is so new, in fact, that it has not as yet been chartered. It is hoped, however, that a formal charter night can be planned for an early date in March. In the meantime the chapter goes right along recruiting more members every week. It has set its goal at 50, and we are told when this figure has been reached that a waiting list will be established.

VITAL STATISTICS:

Meets: Monthly as announced to members by post card.
Where: Scout room, South Ward Chapel, 7:30 P.M.
Meals: $1.25.
Annual dues: $10.00 first year, $7.50 thereafter.
Officers: Loyd Gates, president; E. D. Haws, 1st vice-president; Edson Alvey, 2nd vice-president; Randall Lyman, 3rd vice president; Roland Porter, secretary-treasurer; Alburn Griffin, chaplain.

This chapter promises to be the most picturesque group in the entire Society, if for no other reason than that the community is perhaps the last of the old-horse-riding-west, and the locale of the immortal Zane Gray sagas. Escalante is so steeped in the historic lore of the desert that gieger counters take punishment merely passing through the town.

Cedar City Chapter Begins 1956 With a Bang

Our lusty Cedar City Chapter kicked off 1956 activities the evening of January 21st with one of their famous and original "Bread and Milk Suppers" to which they had invited the Little Salt Lake Chapter at Parowan and also a contingent of national officers.

The dinner was held in the Cedar City Ward chapel and was attended by some thirty Sons and their ladies. High light of the evening's entertainment was a musical saw violinist and a quartet of ten-year old girls: Phylls Crabtree, Glennis Smith, Vicky Taylor, and Pamela Petty, who earned thunderous applause by four-part close harmony singing, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Betty Taylor. The girls sang "Moon Song," "Ball'n The Jack," and two mexican numbers.

Presiding at the meeting was recently elected president Clem Judd who, by-the-way, is a dynamo of energy and organizational ability, and his corps of officers; James C. Applegate, 1st vice-president; Clarence Schmulz, 2nd vice-president; R. K. Palmer, secretary-treasurer; and Harry H. Lunt, chaplain.

Dr. William R. Palmer, 5th vice-president of the National Society was the speaker of the evening and his subject was the history of Iron County, Cedar City and the pioneer efforts at steel making. Dr. Palmer exhibited some original iron pigs from the first blast furnace as made by pioneer steelmaker Thomas Bladen.

The following grandchildren of Thomas Bladen were at the supper as honored guests of the chapter: Thomas Bladen III, Mrs. Beth Ence, Mrs. Rhoda Willis, Mrs. Zella McConnell, and Mrs. Angus Bulloch. Mrs. Bulloch read a tribute and short biography of Brother Bladen, who was the first superintendent of the first blast furance in Utah.

Colonel Fred M. Reese, Executive Officer of the Mormon Battalion addressed the group on the important Battalion Trek to Los Angeles, July 1st, and concerning the formal military ball planned by the Battalion for February 22 in the rotunda of the state capitol.

Recruits were signed up for the battalion, and the warning given that "E" company would soon be up to mustering strength, after which no further recruits could be accepted. It was pointed out that once acepted as a member of the Mormon Battalion, a man is privileged to remain in it for life, as long as he remains a member of SUP. Thus, as soon as the rolls are closed, a waiting list will have to be formed, and those waiting to join will simply have to wait for present Battalion Members to die off.

We understand that the Cedar City group is out to raise the chapter membership to 100 by convention time. Every member has pledged himself to sign up another son within the next few months. Watch Cedar City Chapter grow!

Ask Me! I'm a Member of SUP

Because some 20 of our more active chapters are presently engaged in a drive for increased membership we pass on these very objective comments to stimulate the thinking not only of the Son who is seeking to sign up a new member, but to stimulate the thinking of all prospective members to whom you show this.

WHY SHOULD A MAN BE ASKED TO JOIN SUP?

Not because . . . .

He is your good friend or neighbor
He is fairly successful
He is a jolly good fellow
He is a good speaker
He belongs to your close group of cronnies
He would add dignity to your chapter
He is active in his church
He is a civic leader.
He could do the chapter a good turn

But because . . . .

He is being honored to be invited to join a group of men of high character and of common background . . .
Who are leaders in business
Who are leaders in their communities
Who are leaders in their church activities
Who love fellowship and friendship
Who are always dependable in word and deed
Who are civic minded and public spirited
Who realize personal satisfaction from gathering remains of culture, arts, crafts, and skills of their pioneer grandparents.
Who are firm believers in the Golden Rule
Who are proud of their pioneer heritage
Who desire to pioneer today to make this a better world tomorrow.

If chapters **really** want more new members, do these 14 simple things. (1) Call ten to twenty good teams of TWO

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members. (2) Give each team of two men the names of 5 prospective members. (3) Insist that each team visit each prospective member **AS A TEAM.** (3) Sell SUP and your chapter to the prospect. (4) Bear your testimony as a team (5) Approach the prospect enthusiastically. (6) Do not take "no" for an answer. (7) Call back on the prospect at least twice . . . perhaps three times. (8) Get his signed application and his check. (9) Realize that this procedure will require about 30 days. (10) Constantly check back on all of the teams. (11) Remember that even good teams need checking, prodding, urging, encouraging. (12) Set a good example as chapter officers by bringing in the most number of recruits each week or each month. (13) Post the score so that all members and all teams know what progress they are making. (14) Recognize good results, good work, by honoring the team.

SUP PROFILES

Jim Cannon

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Despite his comparatively tender years (he passed his 36th birthday last December) D. James Cannon has earned a place of honor in more civic organizations than many men do in their alloted three-score and ten.

Lean, vigorous; Jim early attained a physical stature far above that of the rank and file. He shows great promise of reaching an equal stature in the field of service of his fellow man.

Jim doesnt' really ask for a lot out of life. He's busy as fulltime Executive Secretary of the Sugar House Chamber of Commerce, as fulltime bishop of the Monument Park 5th Ward in Salt Lake and as a fulltime family man with his attractive family of four daughters and two sons. "All I really need," says Jim with only a slight suggestion of a twinkle in his blue eyes, "is another eight hours in each day. I think I could find time to relax then."

If he did have another eight hours each day, Jim would find at least three other fulltime responsibilities to fill them.

Brother Jim was one of the select group which went to Nauvoo in 1947 to prepare the way for the SUP trek. As chairman of the Jaycees "Get out the Vote" committee, Jim pushed through a campaign which put Utah on the national map for high percentage of eligible voters who went to the polls.

Community Chest, Rotary Club, Utah Council of Retailers, Days of '47—Jim has served in an executive capacity in all of them.

As a college student, Brother Jim displayed early evidence of dynamic leadership. Business manager of the yearbook and president of his fraternity, the lanky one also served as student treasurer at the University of Utah. As an upperclassman, he was also elected to Beehive, Skull and Bones, Owl and Key honorary societies.

Jim claims to have been born in Sugar House. "Sugar House used to include everything south of 9th South; from the mountains on the east to the lake on the west," says Jim. "I was born in the Cannon stronghold in southwest Salt Lake, and at that time, it was part of Sugar House."

Whether his claim is justified or not, Sugar House merchants became acquainted with Jim when he purchased the **Sugar House Bulletin** and began to prowl "Around the Corner" in his search for news. The printing side of the publishing venture soon became so heavy, that Jim and his partner, Rich James, sold the paper, formed Printer's Inc., of which Jim is president.

Definitely not a man of few talents, Jim Cannon has written at least two books and numerous articles. His book, **"Centennial Caravan"** tells the story of the 1947 trek from Nauvoo. His **"History of the Hawaiian Mission"** came as a result of his missionary work in the islands from 1940-42.

Ever thinking of methods to acquaint the world with Utah history and tourist attractions, he wrote an article for **Better Homes and Gardens** magazine.

Jim also published and edited **Legend,** a magazine for and about Utah for a short time after World War II until he bought the **Bulletin.**

With such excellent young leadership as displayed by Jim Cannon, future prospects for SUP are indeed glowing.

Irrigation and Irrigation Laws in Utah Territory

Everett L. Cooley

The Mormon Pioneer's early irrigation of the thirsty lands adjacent to the banks of City Creek is a well-publicized chapter in Utah history. However, much legend, myth, and misunderstanding surround this effort of a small band of settlers, under the leadership of Orson Pratt, to soften the soil sufficiently to take the plow and germinate seed.

In the realm of "firsts," the most that can be said of the flooding of the land where the Centre Theatre now stands, is that it was the first irrigation practiced by the **Mormons** in Utah. The event occurred on July 23, 1847—one day prior to the arrival into the Salt Lake Valley of the main body of '47 pioneers under the leadership of Brigham Young. (**Millenial Star,** XII, pp. 178-79.)

This was not the first irrigation practiced in North America nor in western United States, as some maintain. The sedentary Indians of the Southwest had practiced irrigation prior to the white man's arrival upon the scene.

The Spaniards adopted the practice from the Indians and improved upon the methods of their teachers. In this connection it is interesting to note Escalante's observations as he traversed the arid lands of the West. He frequently mentioned that lands were "irrigable" and water available for irrigation.

Furthermore, it cannot be safely said of this little episode on July 23 on City Creek, that this was the first irrigation practiced by Anglo-Saxons in the West or even in Utah. It is a well established fact that some of the early California settlers copied the practices of the missions and turned streams of water upon their gardens. (See S. T. Harding, **Water Rights for Irrigation,** p. 2.) Here in Utah, prior to the arrival of the Mormons into the Great Basin, Miles Goodyear established himself at Fort Buenventura near the junction of the Weber and Ogden rivers. When the Mormons first visited the Fort, they discovered a small patch of corn under cultivation. While no definite record exists relative to the extent of the cultivation, it would appear that irrigation would be necessary to successfully grow corn in that area.

From these various "firsts," the practice of irrigation grew and has become an indispensible part of Utah's agricultural and economic system. It has been aided and fostered by church and state from the beginning of settlement. Prior to the establishment of civil government in Utah, Brigham Young made provision for the distribution of water for irrigation purposes. He proclaimed that water was public property. Unlike the doctrine of ownership prevailing in most other states, the riparian rights to water did not prevail in Utah. Simply stated, the principle of riparian rights entitled the owner of land, bordering a stream or lake, to the water adjoining his land. Since irrigation was not practiced, the flow of the stream was not appreciably diminished by culinary or mill usage. Therefore, in the arid west where water was actually diverted from the stream and consumptively used, riparian rights were not

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feasible. The man on the end of a stream might well have been left with a stream bed and no water. In other words, large scale consumptive use of water, i.e., irrigation—was not compatible with the doctrine of riparian rights.

To those of us accustomed to the federal government acting in all phases of economic life, it may sound strange to learn that the federal government has left to the states the determination of the principles under which title to water is assigned—unlike title to public land. The Utah pioneers, rather than adopt the English common law principle of riparian rights, chose instead the princple of "appropriation," which, in effect, means that title to water belongs to the public or state. This resulted from no philosophical discussion of principles, but came about as a matter of necessity.

The first summer in the Valley of Great Salt Lake, Brigham Young declared that water streams were to be community property. (B. H. Roberts, **A Comprehensive History of the Church,** III, pp. 269-270.) This doctrine was not then nor later supported by any definitive legislative enactments. Neither the constitution of the state of Deseret nor subsequent ordinances of the legislature laid down any general principles relative to water right. Nevertheless, in January 1850, the expenditure of public funds was approved for the construction of dams to take water for irrigation from the Jordan River and November of the same year, the governor of Deseret, Brigham Young, petitioned the legislature for the "exclusive control over the timber, rocks, minerals and water, in the City Creek Kanyon." This set the pattern for the distribution of other streams to other privilged individuals. The waters of "Little Cottonwood Kanyon" were assigned by the legislature (January 2, 1851) to Benjamin L. Clapp and Charles Drown. The waters of "North Mill Creek Kanyon" went to Heber C. Kimball under an ordinance of January 8, 1851. Subsequently, the legislature permitted "the judges of the several Counties of this State, to grant Mill, and other Water Privileges . . . . "

Such then, was the pattern for assignment of water right first established by the state of Deseret. Since one of the first actions of the territorial legislature was to legalize the laws of the preceding legislature of the provisional state of Deseret, "not [in] conflict with the 'Organic Act,' " this method of assignment was the pattern followed for some time to come in Utah. (**Laws of Utah** . . . 1852, p. 205.) General water or irrigation laws were not enacted. Instead, special acts of the legislature granted water to individuals and corporations upon petition to the legislature. Although never so stated, the principle of state or public ownership of water was thus implied. This doctrine was continued until 1880 to measure streams, hear claims and settle disputes. (**Laws of Utah** . . . 1880, pp. 36-41.) This seemed to abrogate the principle of public ownership and make the public officers act more as referees or enforcement officers. In effect, police power was substituted for public ownership.

The principle of public ownership was attacked in the constitutional convention of 1895. Some individuals wanted a declaration in the constitution that water was the property of the state. This motion was defeated, and existing rights were confirmed. (Official Report of the Debates of the Convention . . . II, pp. 1201 ff; Article XVII.) So ended Utah's territorial period with the original doctrine of public ownership of water held somewhat in abeyance. Nevertheless, a workable system had been effected. The old riparian doctrine was not practical. So, as in many other fields, a new doctrine evolved which was better suited to a new environment. The irrigation practices of the Mormons in Utah have gained world attention Experts in the field have been called from Utah to go to all parts of the globe where new irrigation projects are being developed. If the Mormons can't lay claim to being the first to practice irrigation in Utah or the West, they can safely claim influence on the development of world-wide irrigation which ranks them among the "firsts."

South Cottonwood Chapter Murray, Utah

President Shaw

This is another of the Society's very new chapters, having been organized only a year. It is an intensely active chapter however, and is growing rapidly through a vigorous membership drive being conducted by every individual member. According to Brother Merlin

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Shaw, the chapter has set a ceiling of 75 members by Easter, and it looks very much like the goal will bo obtained.

VITAL STATISTICS:

Meets: 3rd Thursday of every month.

Where: South Cottonwood Ward House, 56th South and Vine Street, Murray at 7:30 P.M.

Meals: $1.50.

Annual dues: $7.50 the first year, $5.00 thereafter.

Officers: Merlin J. Shaw, 5851 S. 900 E., Salt Lake City, president; John H Chase, 650 East 5900 So. Murray, 1st vice-president; Harold A. Chase, 6161 So. 570 E., Murray, 2nd vice-president; Melvin T. Woolf, 6227 So. 900 E., Murray, sec-treas.; Marlow L. Crabtree, 786 Vine St., Murray, historian; William W. Nichol, 1559 E. 4900 So., Salt Lake City, chaplain; Richard C. Howe, Box 34, Murray, judge-advocate.

This is another chapter which knows that activity is the very life of a chapter and that without local project activity a chapter soon dies. As a result, our South Cottonwood chapter has undertaken, so we hear, some half-dozen stimulating local projects, including the collecting of personal histories of the members, the preservation of the old ward meetinghouse, the collecting of early Utah pioneer relics, the marking of the old granite quarries, and the collecting of historical data on the old mining camp of Alta.

The Historian's Corner

David E. Miller

National Society Historian

In the January issue of this publication your historian informed you through this column that one of his duties is to encourage each Son to submit a copy of his own personal history to the national offices of SUP. Let me encourage you to get busy on this project—if you have not already started or completed it—and rush your copy to our office. Your efforts will be very satisfying, not only to yourself, but to your friends, family and posterity.

Besides the personal satisfaction you may derive from writing such a history, you will, in all probability, also furnish authentic information from which future historians may draw accurate material regarding specific incidents; for it is from the written records that we must obtain most of our historical accounts. Let me site a few examples of the value of this type of work. As most of you know, I have been busy for the past several years gathering and compiling information regarding the Hole-in-the-Rock Expedition. My most valuable sources of information are the writings of the men and woman who were members of that famous pioneer company.

I would have very little except hearsay on which to base my account if George B. Hobbs had not recorded his remarkable account of four explorers; if Platte D. Lyman had not kept a journal; if Kumen Jones had not taken time in later life to write about the expedition; if Cornelius I. Decker had not written a sketch of his life; if Samuel Rowley had not written an autobiography; if Joseph Stanford Smith and James Monroe Redd had not dictated some of their remembrances to their children and grandchildren—and if these narrations had not been written; if Joseph F. Barton and George W. Decker had not taken time in later life to put on paper their reminiscences. Of course, these are just a few of the sources I have been able to uncover—I could make a long list. But the listing of these few should be enough to indicate the importance of the written record. If you think that you are not engaged in important activities—important enough to write about—just remember that most of our pioneer progenitors did not realize that they were engaged in a magnificent work about which we of a later generation would want to know.

Not all of us have ancestors who were notoriously known as the great men of their time. Yet they helped do the things that made the great westward migration possible. Let me be very personal and illustrate this point by referring so some of the deeds of my own progenitors—on whom I base my right to be a member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Most of you have probably never heard of Henry W. Miller and most of you don't care about his history. Neither would I know much about him if he and his family had not taken the time to record some of their doings.

Converted to the L. D. S. Church in the late 1830's, my great-grandfather became a stalwart supporter of Joseph Smith who commissioned him (along with many others, of course) to conduct expeditions up the Mississippi River to obtain timbers for the construction of the Nauvoo temple. When the Saints were forced to abandon Nauvoo, Henry W. Miller was named as one of three trustees left in the deserted city to attempt to negotiate satisfactory disposition of Church property.

As the Church began that long difficult migration across Iowa, Miller was assigned the task of planting grain and helping provide for the needy emigrants Miller Hollow was named after him. He eventually piloted several wagon trains to the Salt Lake Valley. After settling in Farmington, he conceived the idea in 1859, of establishing a cattle and sheep ranch on Fremont Island in Great Salt Lake. The island subsequently became commonly known as Miller Island. On one of the numerous explorations of the island, one of the Millers, (Jacob) discovered the spy glass cap which John C. Fremont had lost there in 1843. Most people who have visited the island have made a search for that lost cap—and the search still goes on, but they won't find it there.

In the 1860's Henry W. Miller was called by Brigham Young to help colonize southern Utah and northern Arizona in the Beaver Dam region. As a result, Littlefield was known as Millerville for many years. There my great grandfather gained the distinction of being the first white man to plow furrows in northern Arizona. When Major Powell was conducting his first Colorado River exploration in 1869 he and his party arrived at the mouth of Grand Wash (due south of St. George), then stated that the exploration need continue no farther because three men, Miller, Hamblin, and Crosby, had already explored below that point and he (Powell) had their field notes.

While most of you who read this column will not be interested in these exploits of my great-grandfather, I hope that the listing of some of them will point out some possibilities and serve as a stimulant to start more of you writing your own personal histories. When Henry Miller was in the midst of these various activities he did not think that he was doing anything out of the ordinary. But his descendants are inter-

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ested and very thankful that he found time to make note of some of his activities—we wouldn't know of these things if he had failed to write about them.

Don't cheat your own posterity (or history) out of a chance to learn of your doings. Begin writing your own life sketch today!

Smithfield Chapter Smithfield, Utah

President Pitcher

This is SUP'S northernmost chapter and is situated in the heart of the fabulously rich and fertile Cache Valley which is celebrating its centennial this year with a program weeks long, climaxing July 4th with community parades and pageants. A special SUP trek for all chapters is being organized to bring into Cache Valley for these ceremonies all those who do not make the Mormon Battalion Trek to Los Angeles.

VITAL STATISTICS:

Meets: 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Where: Stake House, 1st East, 200 North. 8:00 P.M.

Cost of Meals: Pay as we go.

Annual Dues: $6.00 first year, thereafter $3.50.

Officers: Edgar M. Pitcher, 31 West 200 N., Pres.; Arden Eckersley, 1st vice-pres., 333 W. 200 N; Edgar Nilson, 2nd vice-pres., 379 So. 300 W.; Preston D. West, sec-treas., 169 E. Center; F. LeRoy West and James Thornley, chaplains; W. Hazen Hillyard, historian; . W. Kirkbride, Alvert McCann, Melvin Hillyard and Dr. G. L. Reese, directors.

This fine chapter is just a year old but is growing rapildly, both in membership and in local influence. A current membership drive to boost the roster to 75 has been successfuly launched and the chapter has undertaken several local projects in connection with the centennial of Cache Valley. Two specifice projects the group has taken on are sponsoring new SUP chapters in Lewiston and Preston.

Village Diary
by Virginia Baker

Visitors to the Village are showing up more often and in larger groups than ever in spite of the cold weather.

Every Monday afternoon since the first of the year, almost thirty-five persons have braved the weather to attend the Utah History class at the Village.

Dr. Leland Creer's salty observations make it worth while. One attendee says, "Where historical characters were only one dimension before, Dr. Creer has made them live and breathe for us. He makes us hear the coyote howl, smell the burning campfire, feel the excitement of exploration."

It's no wonder Sugar House Chapter's Cliff Davis gets away from work early so he can attend. Stalwarts of Salt Lake Theatre, Inc. Cliff and his wife, May, are interested in the proposed SUP Salt Lake Theatre Chapter. Lots of talent in that family.

Pert Ilene Kingsbury bustled in last week wearing a fancy hat because she was going to a dinner party right after class. "I know I'll be a few minutes late to dinner," she confided, "but this class is so good I don't want to miss even a few minutes of it."

Tall calm Ernest Clayton sits serene on the back row and discusses historical events in scholarly tones with H. Ward McCarty during the break at 5:45.

Mrs. Lena Pack recently directed a historical pageant using her seventh graders at Central Junior High. Each Monday night she finds a new exhibit and exclaims "Oh, my class would love to see this. I'll have to tell them about."

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Granite Officials Visit

It almost seems that the personnel department of Granite School District has gone out of its way to creat a "melting pot" atmosphere in its central office. They have Scandinavian Miriam Claussen and Anna L. Johanson, Greek Helen Metos and Pat Papanikolas, Japanese Tomi Tamura, Polish Piane Wilenski. Others whose progenitors were scattered around the globe include, F. K. Fechser, R. W. Brems, Ernest Gourley, Joseph A. Westra, and lots of others. They could take a world tour during lunch without leaving the confines of the office. I'd like to eavesdrop sometime.

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Old Juniper Member Drops In

Dr. and Mrs. J. Sedley Stanford came down from Logan the other day. Brought their teenagers, Diane, Marie and Glen to see the village.

They also brought a ten-inch high pottery jar which was brought across the plains in 1851 by Brother Sedley's grandmother. It was tied to the back of the wagon, and each morning Grandma Phippen put the cream in the jar. By the end of the day, the jogging of the wagon had churned the cream into butter.

It was later used as a cookie jar, and perhaps that's how we can use it here at the Village. The school classes who come to visit would really get a thrill from helping themselves to a cookie from a jar that bounced all the way from the Mississippi River to Salt Lake more than a hundred years ago.

Missionaries Come

The New Zealand Mission Society held its regular meeting at the Village in January. Of course for them one of the high points of interest was the Matthew Cowley Maori collection.

Sister Cowley attended the fireside meeting, as did Glen L. Rudd, Newell S. Brown, Sidney, Alice and Jerry Ottley, who recently returned from serving as head of the mission down under. There was a large group, as there always is when the Society meets. It's a real pleasure to partake of their deep spiritual closeness.

Trails and Landmarks Comm.

This committee is charged with locating, identifying and appropriately marking the numerous historic trails, cut-offs, passes, camp sites, extant ruins, buildings, and natural features of the terrain that pertain to and are a part of the historic saga of the Utah Pioneers.

Chairman Hale

CHAIRMAN. Karl B. Hale, 3885 E. Parkview Dr. SLC.

Karl is a great grandson of Johnathan H. Hale, bishop of the Nauvoo 9th ward. He has held several high positions in SUP including national offices, president of the Sugar House Chapter and founder and president of the East Mill Creek Chapter. He is engaged in the real estate and subdivision business and spends all spare time furthering the work of SUP.

Co-Chairman Day

CO - CHAIRMAN Elias L. Day, 327 Milton Ave., S. L. C.

Prominent practicing attorney and state senator, candidate for Governor, 1948-1956 (R), author of Utah Legislative Council Act, chairman Taxation and Revenue Committee, member Legislative Council, former vice chairman Salt Lake Regional Law Enforcement Committee, organized Legal Aid Society and Utah Social Hygiene Association.

There is much work for this committee to get underway, and from what this reporter hears, it seems that the committee is developing the policy of first studying what should be appropriately marked, then determining how it should be marked, and then turning over the actual project of preparing

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the marker and placing it, to some local chapter. It will then be the individual chapter's responsibility to (a) enthusiastically acept the project, or reject it, (b) raise the necessary funds to have an appropriate marker made, (c) engineer and sponsor the general ceremonies at time the marker is placed.

High on the list of possibilities for markers this spring and summer are the following: (1) Marking the desert approach to the "Hole-in-the-Rock," (2) Marking the turnoff to Devil's Garden on the Escalante desert, (3) Marking the George Albert Smith Grove of Oaks near Big Mountain, (4) Marking the Hampton Bridge over Bear River at Ben Holladay's old stage coach station and barn. (5) Marking a flag pole at the Pioneer Craft House, (6) Marking three flag-poles at the Pioneer Village, twin poles on the mall from which to fly the 1896 45-star national flag marking Utah's entrance into the sisterhood of states, and the official Utah State flag; and a single pole near the equestrian statue from which to fly the official United States flag, (7) Marking of the old University of Deseret wall, etc.

National Treks Committee

Chmn. Lambert

This committee is charged with initiating long and short treks for the membership of SUP; suggesting practical treks for local chapters; taking over the numerous details of trek arrangements and the movement of large groups of people, providing transportation, food, (sleeping accommodations where treks are for longer than one day) and in general making the trek not only attractive but comfortable.

CHAIRMAN: Richard A. Lambert, 2311 So. 13th East, Salt Lake City, Utah. Dick has organized and supervised more SUP treks than any other man and his successes seem to get bigger and happier every year. His most recent accomplishment was the big three-day trek in 1955 to the fabled Hole-in-the-Rock on the rim of the Colorado River, when he took some 200 SUPers there and brought them all back well and happy. One of his deep fixations, we have heard, is to pilot a large SUP trek down the Yampa, Green and Colorado Rivers. Another is the Salmon River Mission trail; and still other include one to the islands of the Great Salt Lake and the Kit Carson Cross. and one across the Salt Lake Desert to Pilot Peak. And, incidentally, Dick is the handiest and most talented chuck-wagon cook we've laid eyes on since Beef Steak Harrison crossed the Great Divide.

Pioneer Story Committee

Chairman Kerr

This committee is charged with creating interest throughout the state in collecting the true stories of our pioneer grandparents. on the premise that this material becomes increasingly more difficult to secure with the passing years, and that these stories and faith-promoting incidents when truly and objectively sought will furnish present day inspiration and the needed courage to meet the challenge of life.

CHAIRMAN: Dr. Walter A. Kerr, 132 University St., Salt Lake City, Utah. Professor of Modern Languages, University of Utah, 1912-47, Professor Emeritus since 1947. AB, University of Utah, MA University of Chicago, Graduate student University of Chicago, University of California, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, University of Paris, Institute Catholique, Paris. Awarded medal and diploma by National Minister of Education, Paris for outstanding service to France. Chairman Athletic Council University of Utah, 1924-45. Author: History of Intercollegiate Athletics, University of Utah; Life of Louis F. Moench, Founder of Weber Stake Academy; The Early History of Weber Stake Academy; etc., etc. Member Utah Academy of Science, Arts and Letters; Utah Historical Society; Phi Delta Kappa; and is listed in Who's Who in the West; Who's Who in Education; Utah Personalities; and Directory of American Scholars. He married Marion Belnap who for many years was a member of the Primary General Board.

Dr. Kerr has made an appeal in the name of the National Society, for all chapters throughout the state to seriously consider sending all of their collected stories to the National Society's archives at the Pioneer Village, in order that these treasures might be preserved, catalogued and indexed and kept for future use. Perhaps some day in the future it will be possible to have all of these stories carefully edited by our scholars and printed in book form.

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Not only are chapters urged to send their collection of pioneer stories in to the National Society, but if any individual has a personal collection, they too, are urged to send the stories to the national SUP archives. Such individual collections have already been received from Brother Harold H. Jenson of Salt Lake City, LeRoy Nelson of Ogden.

SUP PROFILES
Lawrence T. Epperson

Pres. Epperson

LAWRENCE T. EPPERSON was born in Midway, Utah, a grandson of Sidney H. Epperson, first presiding elder of what was to become Midway, Wasatch County, Utah. When he was a small boy, the Eppersons moved to Provo where he went through the public schools and entered the BYU. He was well known there for his athletic and musical activities, winning his letter in baseball and track, while also being a member of the band and orchestra.

After leaving school, he was appointed Deputy County Assessor. He was later elected to serve as County Clerk and Auditor, remaining in that capacity for two terms. During this period, he and his brother operated two motion picture houses in Provo.

Brother Lawrance completed a 3-year correspondence course in law and later studied at the U. of U. In 1924 he moved with his family to Salt Lake City, where he served as an accountant in the State Public Utilities Office. He later entered the real estate business and established his own brokerage.

While in Provo, he felt very strongly that there was a need for the binding together of the pioneers of the State. When no one appeared desirious of initiating such an organization, he decided to do it himself. On March 22, 1933, he incorporated the SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS.

Having filed the Articles of Incorporation, he then proceeded to call groups of the descendants of pioneers to various meeting places for the purpose of organization. After working vigorously for two years, he accumulated some 3500 names of descendants of pioneers throughout the state. By August 10, 1935, a total of 69 SUP Camps had been created.

On March 21, 1934 The Salt Lake Telegram ran this editorial:

RECOGNIZING A HERITAGE

In forming a new society here, Sons of Utah Pioneers, dwellers in the state whose forebears came here in advance of the railroad, give evidence that they recognize a heritage worthy of their respect, of perpetuation and one upon which much may be built today.

The purpose of the society as set out officially is that it is "aimed to pereptuate the spirit and ideals of the pioneers, bring their descendants into closer understanding and make Utah a better place in which to live." These objects, set out by Lawrence T. Epperson, its president, establish the organization as one worthy of acceptance throughout the state and its communities.

It is wholly constructive in a time when constructive thinking, planning and doing are vital needs.

Sons of Utah Pioneers is a non-sectarian and non-political body. Many groups will be scattered over the state. It should attract wide membership. Preliminary steps toward its formation were begun many months ago and nearly a year ago the idea took definite shape.

Now actual organization has been effected. All residents of the state descended from those who came to Utah prior to the building of the railroad into the state are eligible for membership.

A wide field of usefulness is open to this new society. Perpetuation of the spirit and ideals of the pioneers is sufficient justification for the organization. To this, however, its founders add the aim of bringing about a closer understanding between its members.

Understanding is the key to so many worthwhile things that the constructive value of the society is manifestly enhanced."

The first By-Laws of the SUP, published in 1934, showed the first Executive Board consisted of President Lawrence T. Epperson; 1st Vice President, -Dr. George A. Wilson; 2nd Vice President, Herbert S. Auerbach; Secretary, Richard H. Wootton; Assistant Secretary, Seth Pixton; Treasurer, Herbert C. Jex. Board members were Nephi L. Morris, Judge George A. Goates, Prof. Anthony C. Lund, Dr. A. Landru Jensen.

Throughout his SUP activity, Brother Lawrence has been encouraged by his charming wife, the former Loretta Pritchell, whom he married November 18, 1908 while attending BYU.

Lawrence and Loretta recently returned to their home at 1382 Perry Ave., Salt Lake City, after serving two years in the New England States Mission.

The Eppersons have four sons and three daughters. These seven children have presented their parents with a grand total (to date) of eighteen grandchildren.

Temple Fork Chapter
Logan, Utah

President Cazier

This chapter is not only one of the oldest organizations in the National Society, but it is also one of the most stabilizing influences. It is particularly famous for its numerous chapter projects, particularly for its local Cache Valley historical tours and for its annual over-night chapter encampment in Logan Canyon. The chapter has done considerable in the collecting of personal histories, journals and diaries from members and residents of northern Utah. Another unusual facet of the chapter is the fact that it does not have even one old man in its membership. One of the more youthful young-fellows of the chapter, Brother Larson, who was born in the early 1870's, was among the handful of youngsters who walked down through the "Hole-in-the-Rock," some three-quarters of a mile below rim-rock, and swam in the Colorado last September while on the Society's famous trek.

VITAL STATISTICS:

Meets: 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 P.M.

Where: Glauser's Restaurant, 25 West Center, Logan.

Meals: $1.35.

Annual Dues: $22.50 the first year, $20.00 thereafter.

Officers: Charles B. Cazier, 155 W. 5 N., president; Irwin S. Thompson, 841 E. 10 N., 1st vice-pres.; Rulon J. Steed, 125 So. 2nd E., 2nd vice-pres.; George B. Everton, 526 N. Main, secretary; Earl R. Webb, 136 S. 3rd W., treasurer; W. G. Clark, 705 N. 5th E., chaplain; Jesse P Rich, 335 W. 2nd N., judge-advocate; Dr. Joel E. Ricks, 483 Boulevard, historian; Leo W. Andrews, 248 W. 3rd N., Charles J. Sorensen, 644 E. 5th N., and Laurn E. Crookston, 96 E. 5th N. are directors

The chapter's big local project this year is twofold; (a) This is the Centennial year for all of Cache Valley and the chapter is spearheading the extensive centennial celebrations in the valley, centering in Logan on July 4th and 5th with a gigantic parade and historical pageant, and (b) To act as host to the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers at the big SUP Annual Encampment, July 27, 28, 29. Everyone who is now, or who has ever been, a Son of Utah Pioners is urged by the chapter to attend both of these history-making events. You are welcome. You are invited, says "Charlie" Cazier, chapter president.

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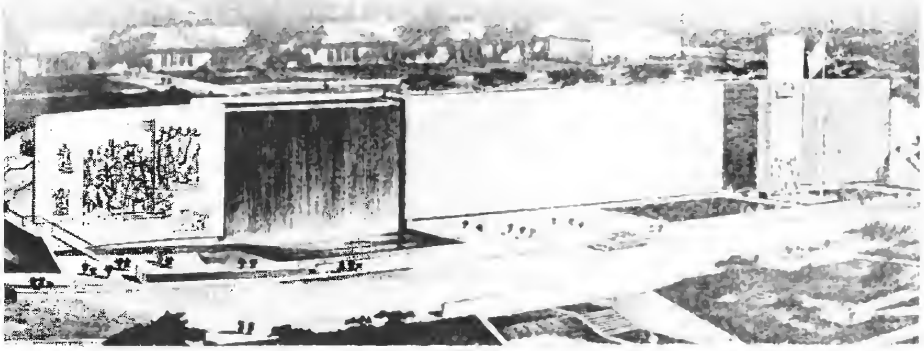

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MORMON BATTALION BALL
IS POSTPONED TO
SOME LATER DATE
Watch March SUP News for details

The sparkling military ball scheduled by the Command and Staff of the reactivated Mormon Battalion for the night of February 22nd, in the rotunda of the Utah State Capitol is destined to be the high-water mark of the current social season, according to those who are close to the committee on arrangements.

General Nicholas G. Morgan, Sr., and Major General Fred E. Curtis have invited as guests of the Battalion, the following high officials of state and federal government with their ladies: Governor J. Bracken Lee and his official state staff including Secretary of State, Attorney General, Commissioners, and Supreme Court; Adjutant General Maxwell E. Rich and staff, Commanding General, Fort Douglas, and staff, Commanding officers of every Army, Navy and Air Force installation in the state together with their official staffs.

All military personnel will turn out in formal dress uniforms, and it has been especially requested of Mormon Battalion members that they make every effort in the few days that remain to provide themselves with their own personal suit of dress blues, but if this is impracticable, then to rent a dress blue uniform from The Salt Lake Costume Co. (But do not leave this until the last week, as there are 50 or 60 other fellows that will be ahead of you . . . and dress blues are limited).

Wives of Battalion members are also urged to come in formal costumes of the 1846-47 period. If this is not practical, then come in turn-of-the-century costumes, or in that nice new formal you just recently purchased.

Colonel Fred M. Reese, Battalion Executive Officer, has been going night and day in dashes up and down the state meeting with chapters and Company Officers, urging enlistments, encouraging activity, selecting officers and briefing detachments on preparation for both ball and trek. He reports the Company rolls are fast filling up. Only 506 men can be accepted. These are divided into five Infantry companies of approximately 100 men each. When Company rolls are filled there will be no further enlistments accepted. Enlistments are for as long as man remains active in SUP. Only when he fails to renew his SUP membership or dies, can his place in the Battalion be filled. If a man dies while still in the Battalion his place in the Infantry Company is first offered to his son.

The climax of the Military Ball, February 22nd, will be the official "mustering-in" of the colorful and nattily-uniformed Battalion. It is understood that this "mustering-in" ceremony is a "must" for all members of the Battalion. It is highly important, and is a significant requirement of all Battalion personnel. Colonel Reese has asked that its importance be kept in mind by all Company Officers and that they make every effort to have all present or accounted for.

California Trek To Be Limited To 1000

The Sons of Utah Pioneers-sponsored Mormon Battalion Trek to Los Angeles and Fort Moore, July 1st to 8th, 1956 has been limited by Major General Fred E. Curtis to 1000 persons.

His action was officially approved by the Executive Board of the National Society in its official meeting January 13th. General Curtis was commended for his unusual success in such a complicated and tremendous undertaking. The Board sustained him and voiced its encouragement.

Reasons for the limitation are simply that it is next to impossible to move a group larger than 1000, and it is also impossible to find hotel accommodations for large groups.

In fairness to everyone, (Battalion members and non-Battalion members) the SUP News has been requested to give this warning:

The Trek is limited to 1000 persons. Reservations are booked in the order in which they are received. First Come First served. People who can make the SUP trek are members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and their wives. (No others unless by special arrangement with General Curtis.) Remember that there are 506 members of the Battalion alone. If every member of the Battalion went and took his wife THERE WOULD BE NO ROOM FOR ANYONE ELSE. Therefore it is of utmost importance that Sons who are not members of the Battalion SEND IN THEIR RESERVATIONS WITHOUT DELAY. We are positive we will not be able to take care of all who want to go. So first come, first chance. IT NOW SEEMS THAT ABOUT 35 or 40 MEMBERS OF THE BATTALION MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THE TREK for good and sufficient reasons. This opens the way to accept some 50 more applications from Sons who are not members. BUT IT WOULD BE WISE TO HURRY. Include $5 per person with your request.

Cedar City Chapter Cedar City, Utah

President Judd

This is one of our older, larger chapters that has set the pace and pointed the way for a good many years. It is composed of some 65 active and interested members who are now on an all-out campaign to boost membership over the 100 mark. There is great possibility of the Cedar City SUP emerging early this spring as the largest, most potent and powerful community force in the city. The group has a reputation of accomplishing, hands down, anything they have ever undertaken. The entire National Society has its eyes on Iron County this spring.

VITAL STATISTICS:

Meets: Every month by announcement to members.

Where: Usually in the amusement hall of a ward chapel, at 7:30 P.M.

Meals: Pay as we go. Varies from from 50c to $1.50.

Annual dues: $6.00 first year, $3.50 thereafter.

Officers: Clement Judd, 422 N. 200 W., president; Clifton L. Chatterley, 318 No. 300 W., Immediate Past President; James C. Applegate, 170 N. 900 W., 1st vice-pres.; Clarence Schmutlz, 210 South 450 W., 2nd vice-pres.; R. K. Palmer, 247 So. 100 W., sec-treas.; Harry H. Lunt, 148 No. 100 E., chaplain; William Flanigan, director.

Paramount in importance on the chapter's schedule of local projects is the preservation and restoration of the old blast furnaces at old Iron Town and a joint venture with the National Society in rebuilding in Cedar City, the original blast furnaces of the early 1850's. This project will get under way this spring and when completed will be preserved with perpetual care by the National Society and the chapter.